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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PDEV
SUBJECT: SOUTHERN AFRICA: CALL BY ANDREW RACZ

1. WE RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL JULY 15 FROM ANDREW RACZ WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS AN AMERICAN CITIZEN, A MEMBER OF THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE. AN EXPERT IN INTERNATIONAL MINERALS MARKETS. AND A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF MARVIN WATSON, ANDREW YOUNG AND FORMER SECRETARY KISSINGER. HE SAID HE HAD BEEN URGED BY HENRY RICHARDSON OF THE NSC TO CONTACT THE EMBASSY.

2. RACZ SPOKE GUARDEDLY BUT SAID THAT THROUGH HIS OWN CONNECTIONS AND THROUGH CONVERSATIONS WITH LONRHO EXECUTIVE TINY ROWLAND, HE IS CONVINCED THAT THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA IS RAPIDLY DETERIORATING. HE SPOKE OF DOMESTIC TROUBLE IN ZAMBIA, A SOVIET BUILD-UP IN MOZAMBIQUE; DESPERATION IN RHODESIA, AND DEEP POLICY
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PROBLEMS IN SOUTH AFRICA. HE EMPHASIZED THAT KUWAIT AND SAUDI ARABIA HAVE A MORE THAN USUAL INTEREST IN THE SITUATION.

3. RACZ BELIEVES IT IMPORTANT THAT TINY ROWLAND BE ABLE TO ADVISE U.S. AUTHORITIES ON URGENT STEPS REQUIRED IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. HE PROPOSED THAT ROWLAND COME TO THE

U.S. WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

4. RACZ IS NOT KNOWN TO THE EMBASSY BUT WE HAVE DEALT WITH ROWLAND ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS AND FOUND IT CURIOUS THAT ROWLAND DID NOT CONTACT US DIRECTLY. EMBASSY OFFICER THEN CALLED ROWLAND FOR CORROBORATION. ROWLAND AFFIRMED HIS ANXIETIES ABOUT SOUTHERN AFRICA AND THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED THE SUBJECT WITH RACZ. HE EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD SPENT SEVEN HOURS WITH KENNETH KUANDA LAST TUESDAY NIGHT IN LUSAKA, AND AS A RESULT BELIEVES OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER WILL BE CRITICAL MONTHS FOR RHODESIA. THE US MUST ACT FIRMLY NOW, ROWLAND SAID, AND HE IS PREPARED TO HELP IN ANY WAY HE CAN. "MY INTERESTS IN RHODESIA--STABILITY AND MODERATION--ARE THE SAME AS YOURS." HE KNOWS ALL THE PLAYERS INTIMATELY AND IS CERTAIN HE COULD BRIDGE THE GAPS AND MISTRUST THAT HAVE DEVELOPED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. HE DID NOT, HOWEVER, SUGGEST DURING THE CONVERSATION THAT HE COME TO WASHINGTON.

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